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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT: Comments of Senator Margaret Chase Smith Concerning CIA**

**REFERENCE: Memorandum to Legislative Counsel from AD/CR dated 24 February 1958, same Subject**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for approval by the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. In connection with some informal discussions concerning a Commerce Department request for a supplemental appropriation of \$300,000 to finance a clearing house concerned with translations of Soviet technical literature, Mr. [ ] was present when the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Frederick H. Mueller, met with Senator Margaret Chase Smith. When Mr. Mueller indicated CIA's willingness to cooperate in their program, Senator Smith expressed doubt in no uncertain terms. Mr. [ ] states: "She said that she was under the impression that CIA would not give anyone the time of day. It was soon clear that she felt that CIA was not subject to sufficient Congressional supervision and that this in any large organization could eventually lead to a national scandal."

3. This viewpoint was not responded to in all of its implications but Mr. [ ] reassured Senator Smith that we did cooperate with Commerce and other agencies in the field of Russian translations and had for some period of time.

4. According to my information, Senator Smith has never been briefed on any of the Agency's activities and control mechanisms. However, she has been exposed to certain information as a result of

the Johnson Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee hearings and the previous hearings connected with appropriations for our new building. She was a cosponsor on the Mansfield resolution for a joint committee on intelligence. I recommend that you invite Senator Smith, at an appropriate time, down to the Agency for a briefing on Agency activities.

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Legislative Counsel

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The recommendation in paragraph 4 is approved.

*signed*  

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**ALLEN W. DULLES**  
Director

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*We shall see her on  
Friday, 7 March at 4:00 and meet  
and return to LC by hand.*

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